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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In January 2010 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program modified a prior order and indefinitely suspended the credential of **Erik N. Bracht** (MHC.LH.00007519).

Clark County

In February 2010 the Nursing Commission withdrew the statement of charges against licensed practical nurse **Sean A. Campbell** (LPN.LP.00044162).

In February 2010 the Pharmacy Board summarily suspended the certification of pharmacy technician of **Jessica Ruth Duong** (PTEC.VA.00067782). Duong's license to practice as a pharmacy technician in Oregon was suspended for diverting cash and falsifying pharmacy records. She remains prohibited from practicing there.

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In January 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Nancy E. Grayson** (RN.RN.00141252). Grayson failed to comply with previous terms and conditions.

Island County

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **William J. Slater** (NAC.NC.10098536). Slater was convicted of fourth degree assault in 2009. He also failed to attach a bed alarm monitor on the bed of a vulnerable patient. As a result, the patient fell from her bad and was injured. Slater failed to respond to a department investigator about the incident.

Jefferson County

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Ericka P. McElroy** (NAC.NC.10067162). McElroy was convicted of third degree theft in 2009. She also stole a credit card belonging to a vulnerable patient who lived at the facility where McElroy worked. She used the card to make a purchase of about \$130 without permission.

King County

In January 2010 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Bonnie E. Bowen** (RN.RN.00175071). Bowen's application to practice as a registered nurse in Nevada was denied, and she is prohibited from practicing there.

In January 2010 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Chanel Renee Flemings** (RC.RC.60001396). Flemings failed to comply with previous terms and conditions.

In January 2010 the Pharmacy Board suspended the license of pharmacy technician **Gail L. Kostelecky** (PTEC.VA.00021871). Kostelecky stole controlled substances from the pharmacy where she worked, ingested the stolen drugs during her workday, and tested positive for opiates in a workplace drug screening.

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Debra E. Marx** (NAC.NA.10012040). Marx administered intravenous medication about six times to a client at the boarding home where she worked.

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of nursing assistant **Joanne I. Sims** (NAR.NA.00164970). Sims diverted a legend drug on multiple occasions for her own use.

In February 2010 the Denturist Program suspended the credential of **Herminia H. Subaran** (DENR.DN.0000011). An inspection in the clinic she owned showed a number of sterilization deficiencies.

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Kitsap County

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Jessica L. McGaugh** (RC.RC.00059381). McGaugh failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her credential.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Roxanne D. Warren** (NAC.NC.10019926). Warren borrowed \$3,800 from a patient who depended on her assistance with daily living.

Lincoln County

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Anissa R. Whiteman** (NAC.NC.10047241). Whiteman was convicted of unlawful issuance of a bank check in Lincoln County in 2008, and unlawful issuance of a bank check in Grant County in 2009.

Pierce County

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application for reactivation of the expired credential of **Monica D. Boggs** (NA00155145). Boggs was convicted of shoplifting in 2005 and 2008.

In January 2010 the Registered Counselor and Hypnotherapy Programs suspended the credentials of **David E. Eskelin** (RC.RC.00021812, HYPN.HP.10001642). Eskelin had a sexual relationship with a former patient.

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Julie Hamilton** (RC.RC.00050905). Hamilton entered into a romantic and sexual relationship with a former client.

In January 2010 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a cease and desist order against **Mindy Kuenzi**. Kuenzi cleaned, scaled, and extracted the tooth of at least one animal and advertised that she and her employees provide animal tooth care services. She's not licensed to practice as a veterinarian or veterinary technician in Washington.

Snohomish County

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Jan M. Myers** (NAC.NC.10074312). Myers' license to practice as a health care assistant in Washington was suspended.

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Spokane County

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Brianna Justice** (NAR.NA.00187876). Justice used a resident's debit card to withdraw \$404 without permission.

Thurston County

In January 2010 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Gregory Crivello** (RC.RC.00053368). Crivello became emotionally involved with a client during the time he was the client's drug treatment counselor. In 2009 Crivello resigned from his counseling position and since then has been involved in a romantic relationship with the client.

Whatcom County

In January 2010 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Bridget T. Magwood** (RN.RN.00114871). Magwood surrendered her license to practice as a licensed professional nurse in Nevada, and she remains prohibited from practicing there.

Out of State

California: In February 2010 the Medical Commission revoked the credential of **John Brannigan** (MD00040755). Brannigan's license to practice medicine in California was revoked.

Oregon: In February 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Carla L. Fies** (RN.RN.00139002). Fies voluntarily surrendered her license to practice nursing in Oregon, and she remains prohibited from practicing there.

Wyoming: In January 2010 the Medical Commission summarily suspended the license of physician of **James B. Borden** (MD00042963). Borden's license to practice medicine in Alaska was permanently revoked.

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